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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

June 10, 2014

**MOVING FORWARD WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S SYSTEM REFORM
RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE
CHILDREN**

On June 25, 2013, the Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion that created the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection (Commission) to review and make recommendations on various systemic issues surrounding child protection in Los Angeles County (County). Subsequently, the Board appointed an experienced and committed group of professionals to serve on the Commission.

On December 30, 2013 the Commission issued its 10 preliminary recommendations in the area of law enforcement, health, and implementation of previous recommendations made to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Subsequently, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was directed by the Board to provide a feasibility analysis report on the preliminary recommendations. This report was issued by the CEO on April 18, 2014 and the majority of the recommendations

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were deemed feasible for implementation.

The Commission released its final report on April 18, 2014 that set forth detailed and comprehensive recommendations to reform the County's child welfare system. The Commission presented a blueprint for an immediate system-wide transformation that includes a plan for prevention, collaboration, integration, measurement, oversight, and accountability as a path forward to achieve a reformed child welfare system.

The Commission having fulfilled its mission, the Board now must fulfill its duty to protect the children under its care and supervision by moving forward with system-wide reform to improve the County's child welfare system.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Adopt the policy, program and data/technology recommendations in the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Child Protection, using the June 10, 2014 Chief Executive Officer's memo as a roadmap;
2. Establish a multi-departmental team responsible for developing a county-wide Child Centered and Family Focused Strategic Plan that shall include Department Children and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Public Health (DPH), supported by the Chief Executive Officer and a County Counsel with subject matter expertise;

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- a. This team shall meet at least monthly, starting by July 1, 2014, and prioritize implementation of the Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations;
- b. The team shall prioritize implementing a phased in countywide initiative for infants to:
 - i. evaluate every child under age one who is temporarily detained at a medical hub; and
 - ii. have a public health nurse accompany a social worker when investigating a child abuse and neglect referral for every child under age one;
- c. The team shall report back to the Board each month, beginning August 5, 2014, on the status of implementing recommendations and request that the Chair of the Board place this matter as a set item on the regular agenda; and
- d. Up to 3 representatives from the Blue Ribbon Commission may participate in the workgroup as monitors and can include participation from First 5 Los Angeles, Commission for Children & Families and the Dependency Court.

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